



1. Room Layout & Accessibility

- ☐ Adequate floor space for movement-based activities, group sessions, and mobility aids
- ☐ Clear sightlines between therapist and child at all times
- ☐ Barrier-free access for wheelchairs and strollers
- ☐ Defined activity zones (e.g., articulation area, language play area, reading nook)

2. Furniture & Equipment

- ☐ Child-sized tables and seating that support posture and engagement
- ☐ Adjustable seating options for children with physical or sensory needs
- ☐ Secure storage for therapy materials, kept out of reach when not in use
- ☐ Adult desk/workstation for therapist paperwork and computer use

3. Acoustics & Sound Management

- ☐ Sound-absorbing panels, rugs, or ceiling tiles to reduce echo and background noise
- ☐ White noise machines or sound masking for privacy and focus
- ☐ Quiet door hinges and soft-close drawers to minimize distractions

4. Lighting & Visibility

- ☐ Natural light where possible; diffused artificial lighting otherwise
- ☐ No flickering or buzzing fluorescent lights
- ☐ Dimmable lighting for flexibility with sensory-sensitive clients

5. Wall Decor & Theming

- ☐ Simple, calming color palette to support focus (blues, greens, soft neutrals)
- ☐ Visual cues and wayfinding signage for younger children or neurodiverse users
- ☐ Minimalist murals or decals related to therapy goals (e.g., vocabulary, scenes, emotions)
- ☐ Incorporate clinic branding subtly, especially in larger practices

6. Therapy Tools

- ☐ Whiteboard or magnetic board for interactive activities
- ☐ Storage for therapy materials (flashcards, books, manipulatives)
- ☐ Interactive wall panels or sensory boards that support speech goals
- ☐ Access to AAC devices or tech tools, as needed

7. Sensory Considerations

- ☐ Quiet zone or calming corner with beanbags or soft seating
- ☐ Weighted blankets or fidget toys available for regulation
- ☐ Low-scent or scent-free policy
- ☐ Visual schedule boards for routine and predictability

8. Safety & Hygiene

- ☐ Rounded furniture corners and stable shelving
- ☐ Antimicrobial and easy-to-clean surfaces (vinyl seating, wipeable murals)
- ☐ Securely anchored furniture
- ☐ No loose cords or tripping hazards

9. Parent & Caregiver Support

- ☐ Comfortable seating for waiting or observing
- ☐ Clear visual connection to the therapy area, if appropriate
- ☐ Storage cubbies or hooks for coats and bags
- ☐ Visual privacy panels if multiple sessions run simultaneously

10. Budget & Flexibility

- ☐ Start with core function (lighting, furniture, noise control)
- ☐ Add theming or murals as modular elements (decals, panels, movable props)
- ☐ Design with future growth in mind (rearrangeable zones, adjustable shelving)